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1. The Communist Party of Argentina for the past month has been taking active steps to keep its affiliates and sympathizers in the Confederacion General de Trabajadores (CGT) united. It is said that the Communists wish to revive the Sindicato Obreros Unidos del Puerto, which they ordered dissolved towards the end of 1946, and which organization they controlled completely. The revived Sindicato Obreros Unidos del Puerto would be of a clandestine character, and Communist port workers would continue on the surface as loyal to the CGT. Since the entrance of members of the former Sindicato Obreros Unidos del Puerto into the CGT, they have not been allowed to hold any positions of authority in the latter union.
2. At present the CGT is said to control 70 per cent of the port activities in Buenos Aires, while its rival organization, the Sociedad de Resistencia de Obreros del Puerto, of anarchist tendencies, controls the other 30 per cent. The Sociedad de Resistencia de Obreros del Puerto is affiliated with the Federacion Obrera Regional Argentina (FORA). Before its disbanding, the Sindicato Obreros Unidos del Puerto controlled 5 per cent of the workers of the port, and it was fought bitterly by the FORA.
3. The Communist Party has great influence in the Federacion de Obreros de Construcciones Navales, a labor organization of mechanics, carpenters, painters, and so forth, who work at the repairing of ships in the port of Buenos Aires. This organization grew enormously during the war, and the Communists are now striving to gain control of it. The FORA has likewise attempted to gain a dominant position in the Federacion de Obreros de Construcciones Navales but has had no success.

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